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A.—The appointment of sub-inspectors is regulated by G.O. No. 635, Judicial, dated 8th March 1916, which was placed on the Editors' Table. As to the latter part of the question the Government have no information.

Introduction of Bill for Vizagapatam Harbour.

614 Q.—Mr. V. Hamid Sultan Marakkayar: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state when the Bill for Vizagapatam Harbour will be introduced?

A.—There are several interests to be consulted and it is not possible to name a date at present.

The Cauvery Reservoir project.

615 Q.—Mr. K. A. Kandaswami Kandar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(1) when the Government proposed to undertake the Cauvery Reservoir project (Mettur);

(2) whether the Government of Mysore have forwarded their final arbitration report regarding this project; and

(3) how many villages of Salem district are likely to be affected by this project and what is the area to be affected in those villages by it?

A.—(1) The hon. Member's attention is invited to the answer given to question No. 409. As the project will require the sanction of the Secretary of State, it cannot be stated when it will be undertaken.

(2) The question is not understood.

(3) 7,408 acres in 12 villages in Omalur and Dharmapuri taluks.

Mr. T. Sivasankaram Pillai:—"The answer to question No. 615 (2) is given as 'the question is not understood'. I presume that when a question is not understood it is generally the practice to ask the member concerned what he exactly means by it. May I know if that was done in this case?"

The hon. Mr. K. Srinivasa Ayyangar:—"Sir, I generally answer the question as it is sent to me. The question is whether the Government of Mysore have forwarded their final arbitration report regarding the project. That is wholly unintelligible to me, Sir."

Mr. T. Sivasankaram Pillai:—"It is likely that the question is unintelligible to the Member. But if there is difficulty about it, it is perfectly open to the hon. Member for Government or the Legislative Council Office to refer back the draft question and ask the member concerned what he actually means by it."

The hon. the President:—"I take it that the hon. Member says that his suggestion may with advantage be introduced as a practice hereafter. But that is hardly a supplementary question."

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The hon. Mr. K. Srinivasa Ayyangar :—" May I mention, Sir, that there is no meaning in the question as it is? The question is (1) when the Government proposed to undertake the Cauvery Reservoir Project (Mettur) ; and (2) whether the Government of Mysore have forwarded their final arbitration report regarding this project. There is no arbitration at all as regards this project in the first place and the Mysore Government have nothing to do with it. Further there is no arbitration report to be sent in by the Mysore Government. I do not know what the question means."

Diwan Bahadur M. Ramachandra Rao Pantulu :—" Sir, it is not a supplementary question that I now wish to ask; but with regard to the observations of my hon. friend, Mr. K. Srinivasa Ayyangar, that there was no project and so on, it is clear that the question is clearly understood by him and therefore it is not quite correct to say that it is not understood."

Quantity of manure sold from Government farms.

616 *Q.*—Mr. A. T. Palmer : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state the total quantity of manure sold out from Government farms each year to private individuals for the last four years?

A.—The Government have no information; but can call for it if the hon. Member will indicate more clearly what he wants. The Agricultural department deals with many different sorts of manures and vegetable manure seeds. A perusal of the marginally-noted paragraphs of the last two years' administration reports of the Agricultural department will enable him to indicate the branch of these activities about which he now requires information.

Paragraphs 124–30 of the administration report for 1921–22.
Paragraphs 89–91 of the administration report for 1920–21.

Muhammadan representation in departments under the hon. the Law Member's control.

617 *Q.*—Khan Bahadur Muhammad Sadulla Badsha Sahib : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state the number of Muhammadans (excluding peons and attenders) employed in the departments under his control during the year 1921–22?

A.—The figures will be found in due course in the returns prescribed in G.O. No. 658, Public, dated 15th August 1922.

Mr. T. Sivasankaram Pillai :—" Does the return mentioned in the answer include the case of the Public Prosecutor also?

The hon. Mr. K. Srinivasa Ayyangar :—" I believe the Public Prosecutor is not a Government servant and the return is only with regard to the Government servants."

Mr. T. Sivasankaram Pillai :—" Sir, the wording in the question is 'employed'; and I think the Public Prosecutors are employed because they are given a daily fee."